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SUBJECT: JUNE BOARD MEETING: AGENDA ITEM 9(B)

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1. RE PARA 5 REFTEL A, FRG DELEGATION HAS CONFIRMED
THAT FRG/ARGENTINA AGREEMENT AND RELATED SAFEGUARDS
AGREEMENT COVER ONLY FUEL FABRICATION TECHNOLOGY,
AND NO RPT NO SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES.

2. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM CANADIAN MISSION THAT THEIR
STATEMENT IN BOARD WILL INCLUDE:
(A) SUPPORT FOR IAEA/ARGENTINA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT,
WHICH IS "FULLY SATISFACTORY... TO COVER ALL NUCLEAR
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COOPERATION BETWEEN CANADA AND ARGZNA UNDER
EXISTING CONTRACTS."
(B) REFERENCE TO CANADIAN POLICY ANNOUNCED DECEMBER
1976 NOT TO UNDERTAKE ANY FURTHER NUCLEAR SUPPLY
CONTRACTS UNLESS NPT OR FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS
AGREEMENT ARE IN EFFECT. THEY WOULD ADD THAT
THERE ARE NO EXISTING CANADA/ARGENTINA CONTRACTS ON

ANY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES.

(C) COMMENT THAT SECTION 11 OF PROPOSED IAEA/ARGENTINA AGREEMENT DOES NOT FULLY REFLECT CANADIAN APPROACH TO TRIGGERING OF SAFEGUARDS AND USE OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES, AND THAT CANADA/IAEA/SPAIN TRILATERAL AGREEMENT USES PREFERRED APPROACH. HOWEVER, IAEA/ARGENTINA AGREEMENT IS SATISFACTORY TO COVER THOSE TRANSFERS TO WHICH IT WILL APPLY.

3. RE REFTEL A, PARA 1(B), CANADIAN MISSION THEREFORE CONFIRMS THAT FURTHER SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY. RE WHETHER SUCH HYPOTHETICAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE TRILATERAL, CANADIAN MISSION HAS NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. DURING DISCUSSION, U.S. AND CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS RECALLED THAT IAEA DRAFT FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IS IN FORM OF BILATERAL, AND NOTED POSSIBLE CONSEQUENT PROBLEM WITH NSG GUIDELINES CALLING FOR TRILATERAL.

4. RE REFTEL A PARA 4, CANADIAN MISSION SAID URGENCY HAS LARGELY COME FROM ARGENTINE SIDE: HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY IN CANADA OVER INVESTIGATION OF PAYMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH CANADIAN NUCLEAR SALES TO ARGENTINA, GOC WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APPROVED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO WHICH THEY CAN REFER.

5. AS FINAL NOTE, WE TRIED TO UNDERSTAND WHY, IN
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VIEW OF PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE, THERE IS ANY MENTION OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT. IT APPEARS THAT CANADA WOULD LIKE THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY COVERAGE PROVISIONS TO APPLY TO ANY TRANSFERS (INCLUDING, E.G., EMBALSE REACTOR TECHNOLOGY) UNDER CANADA/ARGENTINA BILATERAL, AND THUS THEY WANTED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO TRACK THE BILATERAL. THEY PREDICT DISAGREEMENTS IN FUTURE WITH ARGENTINA OVER THIS INTERPRETATION.

6. IN VIEW OF ABOVE CLARIFICATION FROM FRG AND CANADIAN REP, MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF THESE TWO AGREEMENTS. TAPE

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